many of them require considerable attention being paid before they can be utilised.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to appoint an officer to inquire and report on the condition of these play-grounds and suggest ways and means for improving them ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Information, Sir, will be gathered about the condition of the play-grounds and all possible facilities will be provided for improving these play-grounds when the educational survey which is going to be undertaken during these holidays is finished.

Court fee stamps—Trichur Taluk Office.

387. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether one anna court fee stamps were available in the Trichur Taluk Office on 26th Vrischigam 1106;

(b) if not, for how many days were such stamps not available there previous to 26th Vrischigam 1106 and after that date ;

(c) were there other stamps also not available on that date ;

(d) if so, what all stamps;

(e) when did the Taluk Office indent for same ;

(f) what were the reasons for delay in supplying stamps?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) One rupee and six rupees stamps.

(e) On 4th Vrischigam 1106.

(f) The indents were received by the Superintendent of Stamps on 6th Vrischigam 1106 and the stamps were despatched on 26th Vrischigam 1106. There was urgent counting work to be attended to and also indents of other Taluk Offices to be dealt with at the same time by the Superintendent of Stamps. Hence the delay to despatch the stamps.

Comptroller's Office—Apprentice Grade.

388. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. how many members of the present staff of the Comptroller's Office have passed through the apprentice grade of that office ;

2. are those hands entitled to have the period during which they have remained in the apprentice grade counted for purposes of their pension ;

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